



"An educated soldier clearly gives the Army a tremendous return on investment. We are meeting our goals to create technology-savvy soldiers to support Army Transformation."  
Secretary of the Army, Thomas E. White

## Experience a Training Revolution!

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## Why should the Army use Distributed Learning and Digital Training Facilities?

- ⊕ Provides commanders increased opportunities for training soldiers and improving unit readiness by offering quality, standardized training worldwide
- ⊕ Reduces soldiers' and leaders' time away from unit and family
- ⊕ Supports life long training and education
- ⊕ Provides standardized training for Active and Reserve components
- ⊕ Awards same credit as resident instruction

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## EXPERIENCE A



## TRAINING REVOLUTION



**Distributed Learning System**

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## Who is DLS?

Distributed Learning System (DLS), formerly The Army Distance Learning Program, was established in 1997 and is supported by both the TRADOC Program Integration Office (TPIO) and the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS), an acquisition organization.

TRADOC PIO has the responsibility for the development and production of courseware used in digital training facilities and other distributed learning systems across the Army. The Program Management Office (PMO), falling under the acquisition structure for PEO EIS, has the responsibility for the fielding of the Digital Training Facilities (DTFs) and the development of the Army's Learning Management System (LMS).

Since its inception, Distributed or Distance Learning (DL) has flourished and the PMO has fielded over 240 DTFs that have trained over 320,000 students. TRADOC

TPIO is redesigning over 500 Army Training courses. About 47 courses per year will be redesigned each year beginning in 2003. Courses are selected in coordination with MACOMs, National Guard, Army Reserve and proponent schools to meet critical readiness requirements.



## What is Distributed Learning?

Distributed Learning (DL), also referred to as distance learning, is a critical asset in Army transformation. DL provides soldier-based, unit-based, and mission critical training to support both synchronous (instructor and student interact while linked via videoconferencing, teleconferencing or the internet), and asynchronous (instructor and student interact via e-mail and the internet) training situations. Distributed Learning contributes to quality of life by increasing personal and professional stability for both soldiers and civilians.

## What's available at the Digital Training Facility?

### Interactive Multimedia Instruction

DTFs provide soldiers with a location to access web-based job related and professional courses away from the workplace and distractions of home, this is known as Interactive Multimedia Instruction.

- ✦ The Army Institute for Professional Development, formerly known as Army Correspondence Course Program, is an example of a multimedia courseware system. Soldiers can access this training through [www.aimsrdl.atssc.army.mil/secured/accp\\_top.htm](http://www.aimsrdl.atssc.army.mil/secured/accp_top.htm)
- ✦ SmartForce e-Learning is available at [www.smartforce.com](http://www.smartforce.com). It is also a popular destination via the TADLP website. This site offers over 2,000 free courses ranging from Information Technology (IT) to Management. Course completion is automatically forwarded to Army Training Resource Requirement System (ATRRS).
- ✦ The Reimer Digital Library is available at [www.adtdl.army.mil](http://www.adtdl.army.mil). It provides access to publications and courses that are important to both individual and collective training requirements.

### Video Teletraining

Video Teletraining (VTT) provides a live training forum for instructor-student classroom interaction in multiple locations. The VTT system uses pre-programmed cameras to zoom in on students with questions for realistic class discussions. The system is commonly located in Digital Training Facilities that fully support student and instructor needs



including fax or e-mail capabilities for completion of in class or homework assignments.

The most popular broadcasted course is the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course (BSNOC). This fast-paced course prepares Staff Sergeants through Sergeants Major for the rewarding and demanding position of staff operations. The major learning objectives including: battle staff plans, orders and annexes, graphics and overlays, military intelligence, and combat service support operations are supported via VTT delivery within the DTF.

### The Army Learning Management System

PM DLS is developing an exciting new Learning Management System (LMS). This powerful technology will provide 24/7 access to content management, collaboration and more. From the office, home or DTF, soldiers will be able to meet their distributed learning needs, including access to: content, content catalogs, course schedules, collaborative resources, and training history. These capabilities will make training coordination more efficient, delivery more flexible, and provide soldiers the ability to track their own training history.